institutions in developing economies like India where the support service institutions are to be deregulated and to be made more pro-active/service-oriented.

Development of Textiles in J and K

2540. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been initiated to promote textile development in Jammu and Kashmir State; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the manufacture of silk carpets in Kashmir needed support from the Textile Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASAN GOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Recently, developmental schemes in the Wool, Silk, Handicraft and Handloom sectors have been initiated in Jammu & Kashmir State as part of the Jammu & Kashmir Package for Employment, Rail and Road Development, Relief and Security announced by Prime Minister on 23rd May, 2002 at Srinagar.

(b) Yes, Sir. The integrated development package for export of carpet is an important component of the Special Package and envisages support for manufacuture of silk carpets.

Scheme for Powerloom Sector

2541. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have plans to announce Rs. 700 crore scheme for the powerloom sector in the country;

(b) whether government are also planning to set up 15-20 powerloom parks in the next couple of years; and

(c) if so, what will be the marketing infrastructure thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASAN GOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) With a view to improve the working environment and enable the powerloom worker in obtaining higher productivity, Central Government

has approved a Group Workshed Scheme, which has Xth Plan provision of Rs. 19.27 crore to provide for subsidy for construction of worksheds limited to 25% of the unit cost of construction subject to maximum of Rs. 80/- per sq. ft. In order to improve other related infrastructure the scheme envisages a link with the Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS) which provides central assistance for improving critical infrastructure in existing or emerging textile centres.

(c) There is no specific scheme to provide marketing infrastructure.

Non Disbursement of Loans under TUFS

2542. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that financial institutions have stopped disbursing loans to textile units under Technology Upgradation Fund scheme due to Government's failure to release funds to meet the interest subsidy cost;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to non-increase in the budgetary support to the Ministry, it has not been able to have any alternative system to run TUF Scheme;

(c) the budgetary support received for this in the Tenth Plan period; and

(d) the total number of applications received in the Ministry for funding under the technology upgradation fund scheme from various States; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASAN GOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Since the inception of the Scheme releases made by Government to the Nodal Agencies has been increasing as follows:—

Year	Releases made to the Nodal Agencies (in Rs. crore)
1999-2000	1
2000-2001	70
2001-2002	199
2002-2003	203

For the current year there is a budgetary provision of Rs. 250 crore.